The Problem

On our Planet Earth hundreds of millions of human beings born with special needs due to genetic causes suffer pain, have poor health, lack a supportive social group and have no life goals. The negative impact on families and on the educational and medical infrastructures of societies is profound. It has become a standard practice in economics to measure the strength of a country or a society by how it treated its weakest – the old, the very young, the poor and, in this case, the disabled. There are over 1400 genes, about five percent of our working genome, implicated in, among other conditions, arthrogryposis, ataxia, autism, cerebral palsy, and Down Syndrome, so it is common to speak of each of those disability categories as having a spectrum of effects and symptoms. There are no (zero) cures and no treatments - nothing fixes DNA.

Our Solution

Our alternative to abandoning other human beings to die quickly, quietly, cheaply and out of sight is to teach the venerable Chinese martial art of Tai Chi Chuan in order to provide measurably better health, membership in an inclusive social group, improved inter-personal communications and long-term life-goals. It is something of a mantelpiece moment when a lineage-holding grandmaster poses with a family and their special needs child to document that the student correctly performed something the grandmaster's family has been teaching for five centuries. For life goals the performance-based B.A. and M.A. curricula are similar to what a neurotypical Chinese university student would take and have been approved by the degree-granting university and by Grandmaster Chen Zhenglei. But the real potential is to use Internet of Things technology – specifically sensors in smart garments – to produce daily digital scores so that parents and physicians have a statistical anchorpoint to make quantitative decisions about medications, food, sleep and logistics. By associating detailed genetic information with students it is possible to anonymously compare velocities of learning and lifestyle choices in a precise manner.

Market

The target market is nearly 200,000 New Zealanders and 250 million humans on Planet Earth.

Investment sought

In our experience opportunities to display intelligence, compassion and fortitude while making a profit are very rare. We seek to catalyze the first physical school with a short-term loan of \$48,000 (NZ) and courage of the heart.